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Department of Land Rev.

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(SUBJECT.)

Sett - Reatt (South Kanara) - Land
improvt. in classing
to last sett by Dt. Rev. staff -
Soil classification - Revision
by Sett. staff - Cultivated proposals
" Sanctioned

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South Kanara Collector's office,

Mangalore, dated 22nd December 1924.

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7 JAN 1925
LAND [illegible] SETTLEMENT

From

C. Gowre, Esq, I.C.S.,

Collector of South Kanara.

To

The Secretary to the Govt.,

Land Revenue & Settlement,

Madras.

Sir,

Assignment--land--Mangalore Taluk--Surathkal village--S. No. 69/1, 72C/1 to 3A and 3C, 391/2A, 2C, 2D, and 2D3--reduction of assessment.

Mr. John F. Sequeira, Vakil, Mangalore has applied to me for the reduction of the rate of assessment of the plots mentioned above by their transfer from wet to dry on the ground of the brackish nature of their soil and also on the ground that the yield from these lands inspite of strenuous efforts on his part is not according to his expectations. These plots were transferred from Amer Ganeshoke to Ayen at the double rate of Rs. 2 an acre for the first five years and thereafter at the wet rate of Re.1 an acre in this office R. Dis. C. No. 2908-20-V6 dated 5th July 1921. At the time of the transfer there were no improvements on the land. Only trees of wood existed on it. The soil was considered to be mixed laterite as best fitted for a cocoanut garden on forwarding [illegible] recommended the above rate which was approved.

Mr. Sequeira has improved these lands considerably. About 7.80 acres out of the assigned extent of 11.77 acres have been converted into paddy fields at an estimated cost of Rs.1,[illegible] more. There are also [illegible] plots. Except on these water-logged portions, [illegible] raised for the cocoanut garden on the remaining [illegible]

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3. The Special Assistant Settlement Officer No. III Party, Mangalore to whom I referred Mr. Sequeira's complaint about the excessive rate of assessment for these lands reports that the petitioner's lands have been over-assessed in comparison with similar lands in the same village. The crops standing in Mr. Sequeira's lands are reported to be generally inferior to those in the neighbouring fields, ~~that~~ the soil which appears clayey has not got a sufficient admixture of sand which would with advantage have made it more loose and porous. He states that the soil, positions and facilities of lands bearing the same classification (7-2.3) are superior to these fields. The Special Assistant Settlement Officer, therefore, proposes that the wet rate of Rs.4 an acre which has been adopted for similar lands in the neighbourhood would have been more appropriate. But he points out that the power of examining the suitability of the wet rates imposed by the Revenue Department and revising them where necessary at resettlement has been taken away from the Settlement staff by the omission of the words 'by the Revenue Department' in Para 5 (a) of the Resettlement Draft Notification for South Kanara appended as an enclosure to B.P. 85, Press, Land Revenue and Settlement, dated 3rd July 1934 whereas these words existed in para 5 (a) of the draft notification for Malabar District appended to B. P. No. 80, Press, Land Revenue & Settlement, dated 27th October 1930.

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para 5(a) of the draft in G.O. 2717 d. 23-12-31 at p 5 of (H)

3. In this District there are a large number of cases in which lands classed as Poramboke or unassessed at the last Settlement have since been transferred to the head of assessed by the Revenue Department and some of these lands according to their present condition might be considered as over assessed. In the case of Mr. Sequeira, the wet rate at Rs.6 an acre was fixed in 1921 in the confident expectation that the land when reclaimed would be good enough to bear the Rs. 6 rate. But as the land had not been reclaimed when the rate was charged, there was obviously no absolute basis for that rate of assessment. No doubt the result of this very expensive reclamation has been very disappointing to Mr. Sequeira. It seems reasonable that, when a case is established, a ryot should have some relief at resettlement and if he cannot get it then, the very word loses its meaning. It is not a case where the Government can

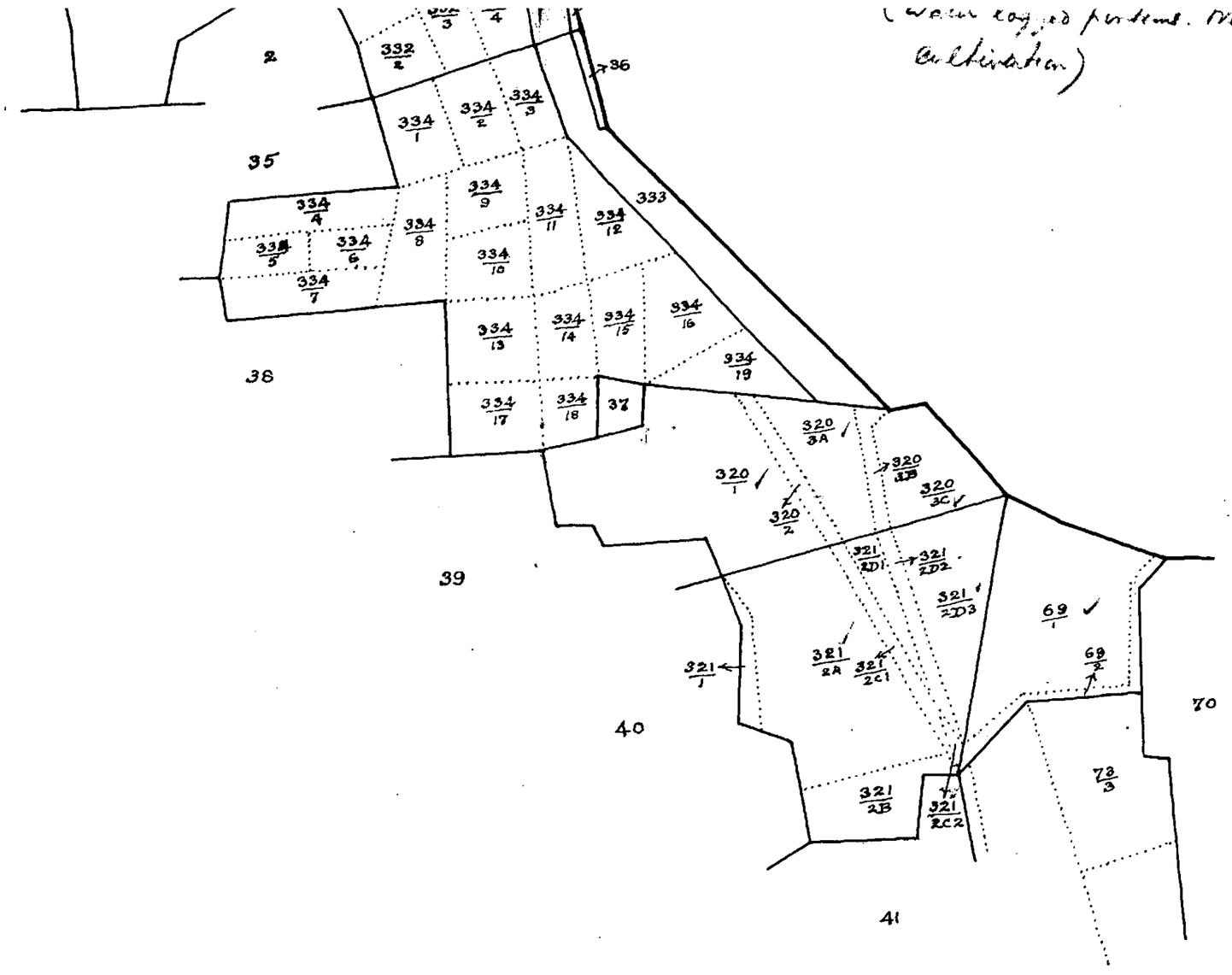
y to the fact that if he does not like the rate imposed he can relinquish the land. Clearly he will not surrender the land on which he has spent so large a sum of money. But as the rate he pays is supposed to bear a relation to the net produce of the land, a possibility may be provided for having that rate examined on resettlement with reference to other rates especially as the scheme report permits transfers from garden to dry and wet to dry on application from the ryots and if the Special Assistant Settlement Officer is satisfied that the lands in question have become permanently unfit for garden and wet cultivation respectively owing to causes beyond the ryots' control. I therefore recommend that the Special Assistant Settlement Officer in charge may be empowered to consider cases of this kind with a view to charging appropriate and reduced rates of assessment where necessary. Such cases must be very few so that the amount of revenue foregone will be trifling compared with the advantage to the Government being able to maintain that, where necessary, rates have been reduced, and not only enhanced.

4. A sketch of the plots on the records of L. M. 681/1 is enclosed.

Your obedient servant,

Collector.

(Waste cayed portions. Not built upon or cultivation)



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District South Kanara

Taluk Mangalore

Village Name Suratkal

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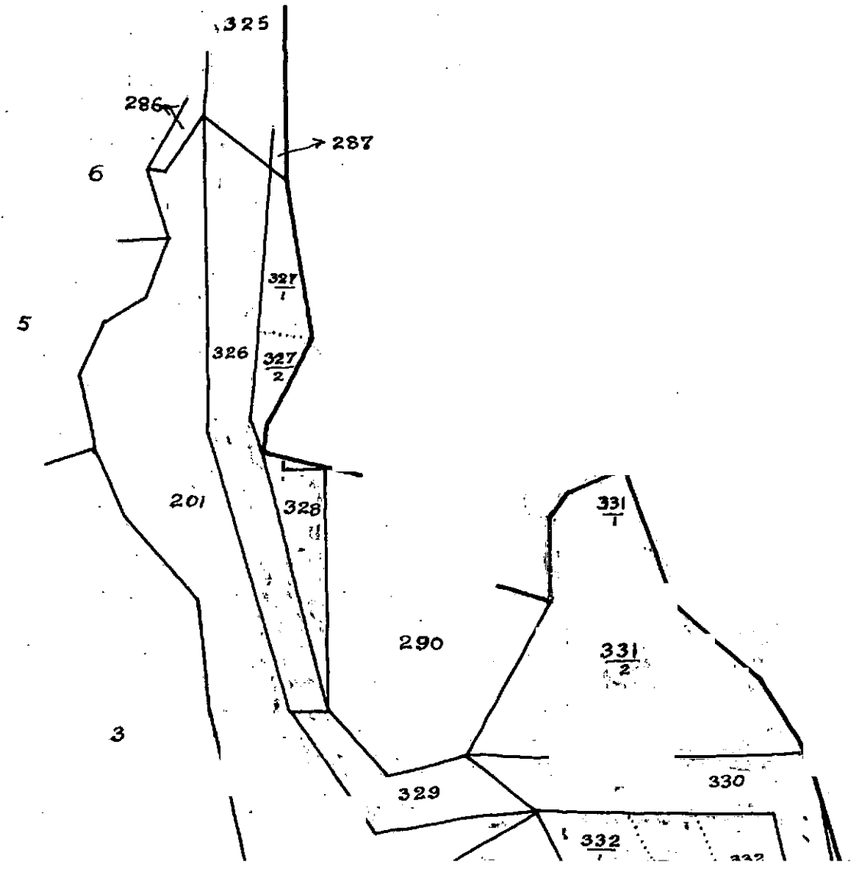

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73	3	Plots assigned to J. P. Siqueira in Taluk D.R. no 1/1343.	2	49
201			9	24
327	1			64
328				1
331	2		5	64
332	1&4		3	69
334	1&3 5&19		2	69
			14	28
		Total	39	67
69/2	325. 326. 329. 330. 333. 320 3B ; 324 2C2. 2D2	Poramboke Lands set apart as water channel		
69	1			
320	1.3A.3C	Plots assigned to J. P. Siqueira in Taluk		
321	2A. 2D1 2D3	D.R. no 681/31		
320	2	Plots assigned to J. P. Siqueira in Taluk		
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SUBJECT:—

Sett. - Resett (South Kanara)

Lands included in holdings subsequent to last sett by Dt. Rev. staff - Soil classification - Revision by Sett. staff called for proposals - Orders passed

READ AGAIN ..... dated .....

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READ *ALSO*:—

No. ..... From the ..... No. ....., dated ..... 19.....

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~~Order~~ MS. / Resolution ~~Rout.~~ No. 431, dated 31-1-1935

The attention of the Collr is invited to para 4 of Board's Rep: (confdl) F. 2625/33-1, d. 8-8-33 & para 3 of Board's Rep: F. 2625/33-2 d. 19-12-33 wherein it was ordered that the Sett. staff need not scrutinise the classification of soils adopted by the Dt. Rev. staff. He is informed that his suggestion to authorise the Sett. staff to scrutinise & revise the soil classification / assessment fixed by the Dt Revenue staff on lands assigned & subsequent to the last sett. is impracticable. His attention

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is also drawn to para 4 of G.O. 1042 Rev. d. 25-5-34 communicated with B.P. 86 Proc. d. 3-7-34 from which it may be seen that this item of work ordinarily falls outside the scope of the simplified system of recttl. operations. As regards the particular case cited by him he should submit definite proposals for reduction of assessment with full reasons & details of the existing & proposed classification & rate field-wise. Similar cases of over-assessment which may be brought to his notice may also be reported to the Board for the grant of the necessary relief.

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To

The Collr of Sinath Kanara

with D.R. file 68 1/3 -

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31.1.

Sett. Result - (South Kanara) -
Lands included in holdings
subsequent to last sett by
the Dt. Revenue staff - Errors
in classification - Rectification
by the ~~Dt~~ Sett. staff - Collr's
proposal.

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J.S.
A-S. (Sett)

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F. 59/35 — pp 1-3 c.f.

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To A-S. (Sett).

Please see the Collr's
letter at pp 1-3 c.f.

2. He points out that
in the case of a ~~land~~ two fields assigned
by the Dt. Revenue staff subse-
quent to the last sett. (S. Nos
69/1 etc of Surathkal village,
Mangalore taluk) a higher
classification than that which
can be assigned to ~~him~~ them
adopted ~~by him~~ and that
though the assignee has applied
for a reduction of the assessment
and though the S.A-S.O. was
convinced that the ~~new~~ classi-
fication assigned is higher
than ~~it merits~~ the fields merit,
the S.A-S.O.

pp 1 & 2 c.f.

has expressed his inability
to revise the rate as he has — p 2 c f
not been empowered to do so.
The Collr states that there
are a large number of lands
in this district transferred
from Proamtke or unassessed
to the head of assessed and
that some at least would have
been reassessed. He considers
that it would be well if the — p 3 c f
S. & S.O. is empowered to revise
the rates of assessment charged
by the revenue staff (presumably
on application), that such cases
would be very few & that
the amount of revenue foregone
thereby will be very trifling.
The scrutiny of the
classification of unclassified
lands transferred to assessed
waste or included in holdings
by the Dt. Revenue staff
subsequent to sett was one
of the items attended to by the
Sett staff under the old system
In view of the orders of Govt
to limit the sett operations

in South Kanara (as in other districts now under revn.) to what is profitable to Govt. and adequate for the limited scope of the operations the Board decided to drop this item of work from the duties of the Sett. staff. Though a copy of the Board's proceedings was sent to the Coll., he did not then state that the omission of this item was not desirable, and the Board's decision was subsequently communicated to Govt. as well. In accordance with these orders no power has been reserved to the Settlement officer in the revn. notification to revise the classification fixed by the Revenue staff & the notification has been approved by Govt. Moreover, in G.O. No 1042 Rev. d. 25-5-34 ~~Govt~~ Govt while passing orders on the general question of simplifying revn. work in general have directed that this item

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B.P. No. 573 d 15-3-34

para 6(2) of Bds' Proc. dt 11-12-11 of (A)
and para 5 of 1.41 of (A)

11 37-38 of of (A)

1 41 of of (A)

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of work should be treated as ordinarily beyond the scope of resettlement operations but that the Board may propose to its inclusion if local conditions of a district justify it. In the case of South Kanara, however, it is now too late to re-include this work among the duties of the settlement staff.

Yes. But Examine the Questions with ref. to Gudem, Kurnool & Nellore.
Ye 24.1.35

In the present case, however, as the assessment is admitted to be heavy by the S.A.S.O. if the Collector may be asked to submit to the Board definite proposals for reduction of assessment with full reasons. He may also be informed that he may bring to his notice by the next fortnightly report similar cases which may be brought to his notice by the Revenue Divisional Officers with full particulars as to the class of soil and rate of assessment which in his opinion could legitimately be assigned to each field. For orders

The assessment fixed by the Settlement Officer on lands classified by him as assessed under G.O. 1st cannot be reduced by the Collr. under G.O. 172-7-1932 (Francis W. Heaven to Govt.) Collr. may be asked to submit such cases for the orders of the Board

Govt. 11.1.35 Ye 24.1

Plan records 24.1.35

Mr Geo 761

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Ye 24.1.35

To A.S. (Estt)

Please see orders at p 4 above. Draft submd.

2. With reference to the remarks of J.S. at p 4 it is submitted that the scrutiny of the classification fixed by the Secy. staff is among the duties assigned to the Estt staff in question. As for Kunwar & Nellore it was originally ordered that the Estt. staff need not do this work, but on the S.S.O.'s further representation Govt. have sanctioned such scrutiny in respect of large blocks.

J.S. & S. (Estt) 31.1

B.P. put up for another file.

Let me see this when it comes back from O.

Seen 31.1

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